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MAYOR'S MOMENT

First of all, happy holidays, everyone! As I write this, it is 60 degrees outside, so the weather is definitely not making it seem like we are in the holiday season! As I have stated before, I hope everyone can take time to enjoy this special time of the year with family and friends because that is what makes life special.

Each Fall, the Iowa League of Cities creates their legislative priorities for the next year and I am going to highlight the six that they and the Metro Advisory Council have identified for 2013. These are critical issues that do/will have a direct impact on the financial flexibility that all cities need:

- Responsible Tax Reform – Enact reform that addresses commercial property tax relief without negatively impacting a local governments' ability to meet its own infrastructure and services needs.
- Increase Road and Bridge Funding – Raise infrastructure revenues through user fees such as a gas tax increase to maintain Iowa's roads and bridges.
- Fair and Sustainable Public Pension Systems – Address the ever increasing costs and inequities within the Police/Fire Retirement system; hold down the costs to those governments participating in IPERS.
- Local Decision Making – Allow for more efficient use of city resources by allowing online notifications; remove unnecessary requirements for some boards and commissions; alleviate public safety costs by reducing costs for training and increasing fairness in funding sources.
- Home Town Economic Development – Strengthen and maintain the ability of cities to promote economic development through a variety of programs.
- Assist Communities with Water Infrastructure – Help communities struggling to implement expensive water and wastewater regulations.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Doug Pierce,
Mayor

WINTER WEATHER REMINDER

With Winter upon us, the City of Norwalk would like to remind residents of the ordinances that pertain to snow and ice. If you have any questions or concerns about the City's snow ordinance, please do not hesitate to call City Hall at 981-0228.

What are the rules regarding parking a vehicle on the street during the winter?

City code states that it is unlawful to park on any street during the time of any snowfall (69.10). Any vehicle parked on the street during a snowfall faces the possibility of receiving a \$35 parking ticket and/or impoundment. It is important to remember the times when you cannot be parked on the street and that the snow ordinance automatically goes into effect when snow begins to accumulate. This allows for timely removal of snow from the streets and is needed to maintain the safety of our main thoroughfares to get emergency response apparatus to residential areas expeditiously.

What about my sidewalks during or after it snows?

It is the responsibility of the abutting property owners to remove snow and ice accumulations promptly from sidewalks. If the property owner does not remove snow and/or ice accumulations within a reasonable time, the City may do so and ultimately assess the costs against the property owner for collection in the same manner as property tax. For purposes of enforcement, a reasonable time period is generally 72 hours after the snow or ice accumulations end. While the City realizes it can be frustrating to finish clearing your driveway and then have the plow come by, the snow removal policy adopted by the City Council indicates that snow placed in driveways by City plows is the responsibility of the property owner to remove. Snow from a private driveway may not be placed on or pushed across a City street.

- City offices will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, December 24 and 25.

- In observance of Christmas, trash and recycling collection will be delayed one day. Norwalk will be collected on Thursday, December 27.



Happy Holidays!

PARKS & RECREATION

UPCOMING REGISTRATIONS

(Be sure to check our website or brochure for our registration procedure.)

Women's Winter Volleyball – December 12–December 23

Adult Coed Winter Volleyball – December 17– December 28

Craft Club – December 24–January 4

Lakewood Early Out (Bowling) – January 7– January 18

Fitness classes – January 7– January 18

Non registration events:

OPALS – December 7, January 4

Family Open Gym – December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Bingo – December 2

Women's Winter Volleyball League – Now is the time to get reacquainted with those friends that you used to play volleyball with. Grab a friend, neighbor or family member and enjoy a Sunday evening out on the courts at Middle School. The league will be self-officiating and needs to be registered as a team.

Adult Coed Winter Volleyball League – After taking a few weeks off during the holidays, now it is time to get your team back together for a second session of volleyball. There will be two separate leagues offered. Each league will be limited to 6 teams. Officials will be provided for each game.

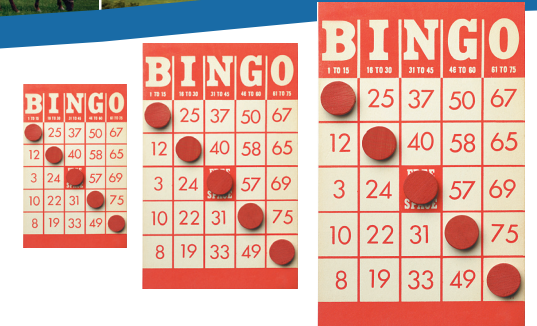
Lakewood Craft Club – Get your glue guns and imaginations going for this program. Children in 3rd through 5th grade meet after school in the art room. They meet once a month on Thursdays to make special arts and crafts projects.

Early Out Wednesdays – January 23 – Kick back and enjoy a movie at Jordan Creek Century 21 Theatre. We give the kids a choice between two movies and it will be rated G or PG.

COMMUNITY CHAT

Starting in January 2013, we will begin "Community Chat" at Maid-Rite on Sunset Drive. The Mayor, a council member and the City Manager will be there from 9:00am–10:30am. This is an opportunity for members of the public to stop by and visit about whatever they wish in a very informal manner. We plan to hold "Community Chats" on the second Saturday of each month.

On January 12, 2013, the "Community Chat" will be with the Mayor, the City Manager and the Director of Planning and Building. The discussion will be about Norwalk's Comprehensive Plan. Hope to see you there!



Family Bingo Night – Stop by the library on December 2 at 5pm and enjoy an evening of Bingo and tasty treats. Bring munchies or snack to share with all and we will provide the beverage. All ages are invited to participate. Bingo callers will be the Norwalk Lion Club Members. We will take the month of January off and start back again February 3.

Basketball Open Gym – Shoot hoops or play a pick-up game with friends or family at the Oviatt gym in December on Sunday afternoons from 3-5pm. Be sure to bring clean tennis shoes for the floor. This is open to Norwalk school district families. Cost will be \$1 for adults and 50 cents for youth.

OPALS (Older People with Active Lifestyles) – There is nothing better than getting together and enjoying food and fellowship. Anyone ages 55 and older is invited to attend a potluck dinner with the Parks and Recreation staff. We provide the meat, tableware and drink. Dust off the cookbooks and be creative to bring a side dish and/or dessert to share with everyone. Be sure to call the office so we can prepare enough food. December 7 and January 4 will be our next gatherings at the Public Safety Building.

CHRISTMAS TREE & WINTER YARD WASTE COLLECTION

After the gifts are unwrapped and the decorations are put away, the only thing left is to get your tree to the curb. The City provides Christmas tree collection through Metro Waste Authority's *Compost It!* program. Trees are picked-up on your regular garbage days (January 4 and January 9), and they must have a *Compost It!* sticker attached. Stickers are sold at participating grocery and hardware stores and City Hall for \$1.15. Please remove all decorations.

This is also the last time any remaining yard debris is collected before Spring. Be sure to use a *Compost It!* cart or bags, or attach *Compost It!* stickers to generic bags to ensure your yard waste is picked up.

For more information about yard waste collection, visit Metro Waste Authority at www.WhereItShouldGo.com or call 515-244-0021.



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